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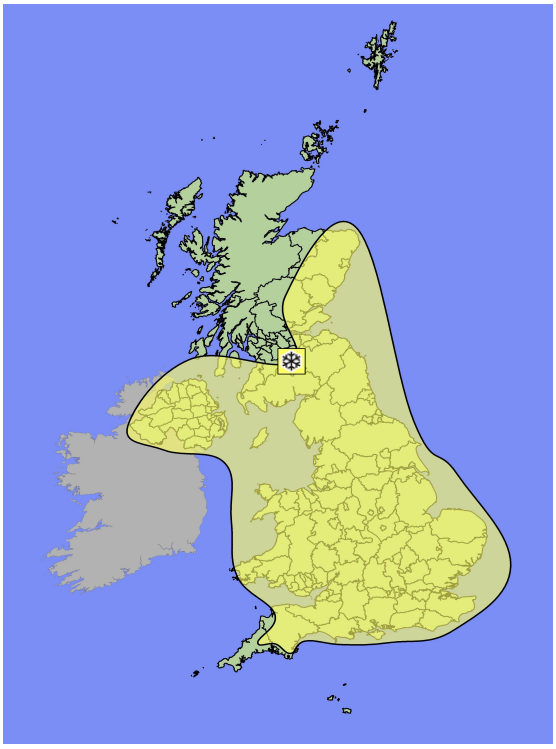

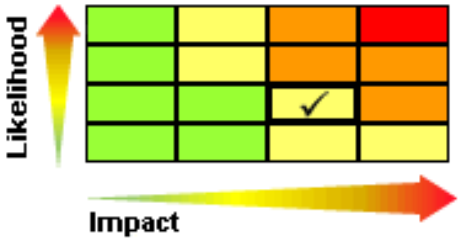


**Chief Forecasters Assessment**
A frontal system is expected to move northeastwards across southern, western and central areas of the UK during Friday, with rain over the far west turning to snow in many areas as it is encounters much colder air inland. There remains some uncertainty as to how far northeast the frontal band will reach, whilst the strengthening southeasterly winds will bring in snow showers across areas further east.

The Met Office have issued a **Yellow Warning** of **Snow**

Valid from **01:00 on Fri, 18th Jan 2013** until **23:55 on Fri, 18th Jan 2013**

A band of heavy sleet and snow will spread northeastwards across Wales and the southwestern half of England, with rain turning increasingly to snow across Northern Ireland through Friday initially over high ground, but later to low levels. Winds will strengthen, leading to drifting of lying snow, whilst blizzards are likely over high ground. The snow will turn to rain and sleet across southwest England through the day.

Meanwhile, snow showers affecting North Sea coastal counties of Scotland and England will move further inland during Friday.

Accumulations of snow will be very variable in the east, with 2-5 cm in places and possibly 10 cm above 200 metres, whilst heavier falls are expected across southern, central and western areas, with 10-15 cm or more possible in some areas. This warning should be viewed alongside other warnings issued for Friday.

The public should be aware of the risk of significant travel disruption.

**For more details please go to:**
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